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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 330

**Introduced by Assembly Member Chau
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Wieckowski)**

February 13, 2013

An act to amend Sections ~~69433.2, 94910, and 94929.5~~ *69433.2 and 94878* of the Education Code, relating to student financial aid.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 330, as amended, Chau. Student financial ~~aid-disclosures~~. *aid: information.*

(1) Existing law establishes the Cal Grant Program under the administration of the Student Aid Commission, and establishes eligibility requirements for awards under the program for participating students attending qualifying institutions. As a condition for participation in the program, existing law requires each Cal Grant participating institution to annually report specified information to the commission, which the commission is required to provide on its Internet Web site in a searchable database.

This bill would include ~~license examination passage rates, the institution's latest 3-year cohort default rate, the institution's percentage of undergraduate student borrowers, and certain other student loan debt information concerning first-time degree- or certificate-seeking~~

~~undergraduate students of the institution~~ *links to specified Internet Web sites providing data relating to college affordability and related topics, posted in a conspicuous location, in the information that a participating institution is required to report and the commission is required to provide on its Internet Web site.*

(2) Existing law, the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009, which is repealed pursuant to its own provisions on January 1, 2015, provides, among other things, for student protections and regulatory oversight of private postsecondary schools in the state. The act is enforced by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education within the Department of Consumer Affairs. The act ~~exempts specified institutions from all, or a portion of, its provisions. The act requires an institution to provide a prospective student prior to enrollment with a School Performance Fact Sheet, which is required to contain specified information relating to the educational program~~ *requires the bureau, among other duties, to establish an Internet Web site that includes specified information.*

~~This bill would require the School Performance Fact Sheet to also include certain student loan debt information concerning first-time degree- or certificate-seeking undergraduate students of the institution who have entered into student loans, as specified, while attending the institution~~ *bureau to post, in a conspicuous location on its Internet Web site, links to specified Internet Web sites providing data relating to college affordability and related topics.*

~~These provisions concerning the School Performance Fact Sheet~~ *bureau's Internet Web site* would become operative only if an act that becomes operative on or before January 1, 2015, delays or eliminates the January 1, 2015, repeal date of the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 69433.2 of the Education Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 69433.2. (a) As a condition for its voluntary participation in
- 4 the Cal Grant Program, each Cal Grant participating institution
- 5 shall, beginning in 2012, annually report to the commission, and

1 as further specified in the institutional participation agreement,
2 both of the following for its undergraduate programs:

3 (1) Enrollment, persistence, and graduation data for all students,
4 including aggregate information on Cal Grant recipients.

5 (2) The job placement rate and salary and wage information for
6 each program that is either designed or advertised to lead to a
7 particular type of job or advertised or promoted with a claim
8 regarding job placement.

9 (b) Commencing the year after the commission begins to receive
10 reports pursuant to subdivision (a), the commission shall ~~provide~~
11 ~~both~~ *clearly post, in a conspicuous location, all* of the following
12 on its Internet Web site:

13 (1) The information submitted by a Cal Grant participating
14 institution pursuant to subdivision (a), which shall be made
15 available in a searchable database.

16 (2) Other information and links that are useful to students and
17 parents who are in the process of selecting a college or university.
18 This information may include, but not be limited to, local
19 occupational profiles available through the Employment
20 Development Department's Labor Market Information Data
21 Library.

22 (3) *Links to the Internet Web sites of all of the following:*

23 (A) *The College Affordability and Transparency Center of the*
24 *United States Department of Education or any successor entity.*

25 (B) *The National Center for Higher Education Management*
26 *Systems or any successor entity.*

27 (C) *Any entity deemed by the commission to provide accurate*
28 *and useful information relating to institutional net cost, financial*
29 *aid, or student loan debt that can be used by students and families*
30 *to evaluate postsecondary educational options.*

31 *SEC. 2. Section 94878 of the Education Code is amended to*
32 *read:*

33 94878. (a) On or before June 30, 2010, the bureau shall
34 establish an Internet Web site that includes at least all of the
35 following information:

36 (1) An explanation of the bureau's transition plan for the
37 reconstituted bureau and an explanation of the bureau's scope of
38 authority.

39 (2) (A) A directory of approved institutions, and a link, if
40 feasible, to the Internet Web site of each institution.

1 (B) For each institution, the directory shall be developed in a
2 manner that allows the user to search by institution and shall
3 include all of the following information:

4 (i) The status of the institution's approval to operate.

5 (ii) The information provided by the institutions including, but
6 not limited to, the annual report, as required by Section 94934,
7 including the school catalog and the Student Performance Fact
8 Sheet. The Student Performance Fact Sheet shall be maintained
9 on the directory for at least five years after the date of its
10 submission to the bureau.

11 (iii) The disciplinary history of the institution, which shall
12 include, but shall not be limited to, all of the following:

13 (I) Pending formal accusations filed by the bureau.

14 (II) Suspensions, revocations, citations, fines, infractions,
15 probations, pending litigation filed by the bureau, and final
16 judgments resulting from litigation filed by the bureau.

17 (III) Pending or final criminal cases filed by the Attorney
18 General, a city attorney, a district attorney, or a federal law
19 enforcement official, of which the bureau has received notice.

20 (IV) Final administrative actions by the United State Department
21 of Education, including orders requiring restitution to students.

22 (V) Final disciplinary actions by an accreditation agency, of
23 which the bureau has received notice pursuant to Section 94934.

24 (b) The bureau shall maintain the Internet Web site described
25 in subdivision (a). The bureau shall ensure that the information
26 specified in subdivision (a) is kept current. The bureau shall update
27 the Internet Web site at least annually, to coincide with the
28 submission of annual reports by the institutions pursuant to Section
29 94934.

30 (c) In addition to maintaining the Internet Web site described
31 in subdivision (a), the bureau shall provide the information
32 described in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) to the California
33 Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC), and the CPEC
34 shall include that information in an Internet Web site directory of
35 school performance data maintained by the CPEC. To the extent
36 possible, the bureau shall provide this information consistent with
37 the information collected for reporting to the Integrated
38 Postsecondary Education Data System of the United States
39 Department of Education, including institutional characteristics,
40 completion, annual enrollment, and graduation rates.

1 (d) As part of the Internet Web site described in subdivision (a),
2 the bureau shall clearly post, in a conspicuous location, links to
3 the Internet Web sites of the following:

4 (1) The College Affordability and Transparency Center of the
5 United States Department of Education or any successor entity.

6 (2) The National Center for Higher Education Management
7 Systems or any successor entity.

8 (3) Any entity deemed by the bureau to provide accurate and
9 useful information relating to institutional net cost, financial aid,
10 or student loan debt that can be used by students and families to
11 evaluate postsecondary educational options.

12 SEC. 3. Section 2 of this act shall become operative only if an
13 act that becomes operative on or before January 1, 2015, amends
14 or repeals Section 94950 of the Education Code to delay or
15 eliminate the January 1, 2015, repeal date of the California Private
16 Postsecondary Education Act of 2009 (Chapter 8 (commencing
17 with Section 94800) of Part 59 of Division 10 of Title 3 of the
18 Education Code).

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21 **All matter omitted in this version of the bill**
22 **appears in the bill as amended in the**
23 **Senate, May 23, 2014. (JR11)**
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